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SUBJECT: FORMULATION OF IEA COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ON COAL
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1. AT FEBRUARY 20-21 IEA R&D COMMITTEE MEETING IN PARIS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT PROGRAM OF COOPERATION ON COAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT (AND PROSPECTING TECHNIQUES) COULD BE AGREED UPON AT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MARCH 13 MEETING OF COAL EXPERTS IN LONDON, AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN DEFINING COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN COAL MINING.

2. US EXPERTS PREPARED ATTEND MARCH 13 MEETING. US, HOWEVER, OF VIEW THAT MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION THAN POSSIBLE ON MARCH 13 INVOLVING TECHNICAL EXPERTS OF INTERESTED MEMBER IEA COUNTRIES IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO DEFINE SPECIFIC COOPERATIVE TECHNICAL PROGRAMS ON COAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND COAL MINING. US, THEREFORE, PROPOSES MEETING OF COAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT EXPERTS START ON MARCH 11 IN LONDON AND CONTINUE ON TO MARCH 13 AS NECESSARY.

3. TECHNICAL EXPERTS DISCUSSIONS ON RESOURCE ASSESSMENT WOULD CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING COMMON STANDARDS OF

REPORTING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE DATA. SPECIFIC TOPICS WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT PROPOSED MARCH 11-13 MEETING INCLUDE: DEFINITIONS, COMPUTER HARDWARE, MAP SCALES, METHODOLOGY OF MEASUREMENT, AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING A COOPERATIVE DATA SYSTEM. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON PROSPECTING TECHNIQUES ARE ALSO PROPOSED.

4. US EXPERTS WILL BE PREPARED PROVIDE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS. WE STRONGLY URGE OTHER NATIONAL EXPERTS COME SIMILARLY PREPARED.

5. RESOURCE ASSESSMENT EXPERTS COULD THEN REPORT THEIR CONCLUSIONS DURING MARCH 13 MEETING.

6. US BUREAU OF MINES PERSONNEL AND T. CARR, UK
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NATIONAL COAL BOARD, TO HAVE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN COAL MINING ON MARCH 9 IN US. WE EXPECT BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THESE DISCUSSIONS; AND PERHAPS MAKE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS AT MARCH 13 MEETING.

7. WE SUGGEST MARCH 13 MEETING WOULD (A) FORMULATE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AREA AND ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN NATIONAL COMMITMENTS TO EXTENT

FEASIBLE, (B) REVIEW SUGGESTIONS FOR COAL MINING COOPERATION AND CONSIDER SCHEDULING FURTHER DETAILED DISCUSSION AND PROPOSAL PREPARATION, AND (C) HAVE FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN COAL CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY RECOGNIZING, HOWEVER, NEED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON MECHANISMS AND MEANS FOR INCLUDING COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN ANY SUCH COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

8. FOR EMBASSY LONDON: PLEASE PASS ABOVE TO DR. WALTER MARSHALL, DEPT. OF ENERGY AND DIRECTOR, HARWELL, AND MR. LESLIE GRANGER, NATIONAL COAL BOARD AND CHAIRMAN, IEA EXPERT GROUP. REQUEST THEIR CONCURRENCE WITH US SUGGESTIONS AND WILLINGNESS HOST EXPERT MEETING IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MARCH 13 MEETING. ADVISE THEM DR. SCHMIDT-KUESTER, FRG, CHAIRMAN IEA R&D GROUP, AGREED TO US PROPOSAL IN FEBRUARY 27 TELECON WITH VANDERRYN, ERDA. US WILLING CONTACT OTHER NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND PROPOSED MARCH 11 MEETING. ADVISE DEPARTMENT, WITH INFO TO OTHER ADDRESSEES, SOONEST.

9. FOR OTHER ADDRESSEES: PLEASE PASS ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AND ALSO, AS APPROPRIATE, TO FOLLOWING NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED FEB 10 IEA COAL EXPERTS MEETING: DR. S. PIRKLBAUER, SALZBURGER KOHLEN-GES. MBH, TRIMMELKAM A-5120 ST. PANTALEON, AUSTRIA; MR. A. DE GREEF, COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, BRUSSELS; MR. LEDENT, INIEX, RUE DU CHERA 200, LIEGE, BELGIUM; MR. W. K. BUCK, CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION, 1 GROSVENOR SQUARE, LONDON; DR. J. H. WALSH, OFFICE OF ENERGY R&D, DEPT. OF ENERGY MINES & RESOURCES, UNCLASSIFIED

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